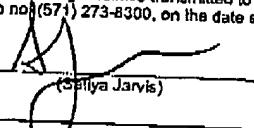


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COATINGS AND THEIR USE IN INK AND
PAINT APPLICATIONS**

Examiner: Dwayne C Jones

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTMS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 4, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects group III (claim 13), with traverse, for continued examination. Applicants submit that no undue burden is placed on the office in searching Groups I-IX, beyond that incurred by searching one or the other separately.

Applicant was additionally requested to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. The Examiner has indicated at page 3 of the Action that the species are selected from compositions containing a non-hydroxyl bearing unsaturated ester, a hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ester, an unsaturated ether, a hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ether, a non-hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ether, an unsaturated ether-ester, a hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ether-ester, or a non-hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ether-ester. Applicant indicates that

the provisional election of group III with traverse satisfies the election of species as providing a composition comprising a hydroxyl-bearing unsaturated ester.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 20-24 read on the elected species (claim 13).

A petition and fee for an extension of time for response to the restriction requirement is submitted herewith. Should additional fees be necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. (50531)-60590.

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